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MINUTES
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE,
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD AT MORGANTON, N. C., BEGINNING DECEMBER 11, 1867,
AND ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1867.

BISHOP DAVID S. DOGGETT, *President.*

F. ASBURY MOOD, *Secretary.*

F. MILTON KENNEDY, } *Assistant*
OSGOOD A. DARBY, } *Secretaries.*
SAMUEL LANDER,

THE Conference met in the Methodist Church; eighty-seven clerical and fifteen lay members answering to the call of the roll. The sessions were daily opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The regular Disciplinary business was attended to, as follows:

QUESTION I. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. Silas P. H. Elwell, John J. Prather, Squire M. Davis, Maxwell H. Hoyle.

QUES. II. *Who remain on trial?*

ANS. John P. Morris, Robert Harper, Joseph R. Griffith, Reuben L. Duffie, Robert M. Harrison.

QUES. III. *Who are admitted into full connexion?*

ANS. John B. Platt, James C. Crisp, Joseph B. Traywick.

QUES. IV. *Who are re-admitted?*

ANS. John L. Stoudemire.

QUES. V. *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

ANS. None.

QUES. VI. *Who are the Deacons of one year?*

ANS. John Attaway, Samuel Lander.

QUES. VII. *What travelling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?*

ANS. John B. Platt, James C. Crisp, Joseph B. Traywick, John P. Morris.

QUES. VIII. *What local preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?*

ANS. William P. Maness, Robert Helton, John Dorsey.

William D. Lee, and Charles Fishburn were elected, but were not present to receive ordination.

QUES. IX. *What travelling preachers are elected and ordained Elders?*

ANS. John R. Little, George F. Round, Christopher Thomason, J. Emory Watson, Andrew J. Stafford, Thomas A. Boone.

QUES. X. *What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?*

ANS. James M. Boyd, Barnett S. Gaines, John F. Butt, Robert M. Brown, Abram Hayes.

John Lee Dixon was elected, but was not present to receive ordination.

QUES. XI. *Who have located this year?*

ANS. None.

QUES. XII. *Who are Supernumerary?*

ANS. Colin Murchison, Robert B. Tarrant, Thomas Mitchell, Thomas W. Munnerlyn, Abner Ervin, Charles Betts, Allen McCorquodale, William H. Lawton, Robert C. Oliver, Francis M. Morgan, Samuel B. Jones, Whitefoord Smith, Robert B. Alston, Lewis A. Johnson, Willis S. Haltom, Lewis M. Harner, Edward J. Pennington, Minton A. Connolly.

QUES. XIII. *Who are Superannuated?*

ANS. Alexander L. Smith, David Derrick, Bond English, Alexius M. Foster, Hartwell Spain, Nicholas Talley, Joel W. Townsend, William C. Patterson.

QUES. XIV. *What preachers have died during the past year?*

REV. TRACY R. WALSH, an honored member of the South Carolina Conference, departed this life in the town of Bennettsville, S. C., on the 20th of October, 1867.

For more than forty years he was a standard bearer for Christ, and during that long period, his character, both private and official, was unstained by a single blot.

Of commanding presence and deportment, he was wherever seen a model specimen of the dignified Christian minister. The purity and consistency of his private life imparted a momentum to his pulpit ministrations, which secured for him a distinguished measure of success in winning souls to Christ. Eschewing all adornment, his sermons which embraced generally the exposition and enforcement of some cardinal doctrine or duty of the Gospel, were marked by great simplicity and directness; and emphasized by a voice of uncommon compass and volume, they were usually delivered in demonstration of the Spirit and with power. His hearers were uniformly impressed with the speaker's profound conviction of the truth of what he was saying, the interpretation of his whole demeanor in the pulpit, viz: "I believed, therefore, have I spoken." The estimation in which our lamented brother was held by the authorities of the Church is evident from the importance of the charges to which he was assigned, while his brethren of the Conference testified their appreciation of his dignity and worth by electing him to preside over their deliberations in the absence of a bishop. "Called and chosen, and faithful," he has been summoned from among us, and his name passes from the roll of the Conference, but his memory it is believed will linger long with his brethren, an inspiration and incentive to all that is manly and heroic in the Christian ministry.

Licensed to preach in September, 1827, he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference in January, 1830. In February, 1832, he was received into the Conference, and ordained deacon by Bishop Hedding, and two years afterward he received elder's orders from the hands of Bishop Emory.

Yielding to the solicitation of friends, and responding, as he believed, to the indications of Providence, he located after travelling several years, and assumed charge of the Marion Academy. For thirteen years he discharged the duties of this position to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the school, while the impress of his sterling character was permanently stamped upon many, perhaps most of the youthful minds committed to his training. Nor did this long

hiatus in his *itinerant* history leave a corresponding blank in his ministerial record. During all this period he was "abundant in labors," performing in addition to his scholastic duties an amount of pulpit and parochial work seldom exceeded by a regular pastor.

Re-entering the Conference at the close of 1849, he continued to travel until 1852, when he was elected to the Presidency of Carolina Female College, and was regularly assigned by the bishops to this position until the close of 1860. Endowed in a marked degree with the peculiar qualities requisite for a successful instructor of youth, and the superintendence of a literary institution of high grade, he vindicated throughout his administration the wisdom of those who had chosen him to preside over the interests of the College. Believing that all learning should be made to lean to Christ, he addressed himself to the coincident culture of the heart and minds of his pupils, and labored assiduously in the lecture room, and from the pulpit to impress upon them the paramount importance of personal piety. His success is attested by the fact that few, if any, passed from his tutorship with the diploma of the institution, without professing to carry with them likewise, a spiritual certificate of meetness for the Kingdom of Heaven.

At the close of 1860, he resigned the Presidency of the College, and received appointments continuously in the regular work until the end of his life. For several months prior to his death, his health was visibly declining, and the shrinking proportions of his portly frame gave palpable evidence of the steady and rapid ravages of disease.

Possessed, however, of an indomitable will and a devotedness to the claims of his high vocation, which death alone could quench, he continued to preach long after his friends and brethren urged him to desist. Though extremely feeble, he attended the district meeting at Wadesboro', and contributed largely by his counsels and pulpit labors to the success of that occasion. Never free from pain, and frequently in exquisite agony, he still filled his appointments regularly until the meeting of the Third Quarterly Conference for his circuit, which was held on the 31st of August. Appreciating his condition, the Conference with entire unanimity passed a resolution requesting him to suspend his labors, and devote himself to the re-establishment of his health. He thanked the brethren for their considerate kindness in utterances broken by emotion, but expressed the hope that it would not be necessary to comply with their generous request. The resolute spirit, however, overborne by the pressure of its dissolving tab-

ernacle was forced to succumb, and even then his last sermon had been preached. Steadily failing, and suffering almost incessantly severe pain, he was still able to leave his bed a portion of every day, until within a week of his death. The intensity of his anguish was such as at times to extort the wish that it might be terminated by death, a wish that was immediately accompanied by expressions of submission to the will of God. The testimony of those who ministered at his bedside is that throughout his illness, and during the most acute paroxysms of pain, he expressed perfect resignation to the Divine will, and unaltering confidence in the sufficiency of Christ, (his "Almighty Friend," as he was wont to address him), for his salvation. The nature of his disease (dropsy of the chest), was such as to produce for a day or two preceding his death a condition of stupor; the voice of prayer, however, seemed always potent to rally his consciousness, and elicit tokens of satisfaction. Just before he breathed his last, in accordance with a request, he had sung the beautiful lines commencing, "Oh, sing to me of Heaven," and the last intelligible utterance of the departing saint was—"that is so sweet." In a few moments his spirit passed away to enjoy forever the sweeter music of the redeemed in Heaven.

THE REV. W. A. HEMINGWAY, was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference in 1854, and was therefore thirteen years connected with the itinerant work. The two years previous to his connection with the Conference he spent at Cokesbury School, where he obtained a good report as a quick and diligent member of his academic classes.

He was converted, and joined the church under the ministry of Rev. John A. Minnick (a man of precious memory) to whom our departed brother ever referred with tenderest emotions, and devout acknowledgment.

Having thus become connected with the Church when but a lad, he was directed by the missionary to Cokesbury, as a school furnishing superior social, religious, and educational advantages. At this early period, he had already set his heart upon the work of the ministry, and doubtless entered prematurely the itinerant ranks. Two or three more years at school would have been well spent, but eager and abounding zeal, with qualities of heart, mind, and manliness that inspired hope of best results, induced those who were connected with him to concur in his ardent wishes to go forth thus immature in habits

and culture, trusting that his early and undoubted piety, and fine social and intellectual qualities would bear him safely through the delicate and difficult paths of our itinerant work. Our brother filled various respectable fields in our bounds, and bore himself with commendable manliness and diligence. His numerous admirers induce the belief that his labors were appreciated, and useful in a marked degree. He served as Chaplain during the war, and unadvisedly allowed his troops of friends at home and in the army to elect him to the Legislature of his native State, yet we trust that his good sense, his ardent love of his Church and ministry would have kept him from such position in ordinary times.

In 1854 he was appointed junior preacher on the Barnwell Circuit; in 1855, on Walterboro' Circuit; in 1856 and 1857 in charge of St. James', Charleston; in 1858, Marion Circuit; in 1859, Morganton; in 1860, he received a supernumerary relation; in 1861, was appointed to Williamsburg Circuit; in 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, Chaplain in the army; in 1866 he was stationed at Spring Street, Charleston; in 1867 on Manning Circuit, from which field of labor on 19th of May, he was called to his reward.

He entered upon his last appointment in good time, but found his strength was gone. With great difficulty he preached two or three times; then lost his voice to recover it no more. To all but himself and family it was evident that his work was done; while he, unconscious of the fearful inroads that most insidious of diseases had made upon him, continued to speak hopefully of his recovery, until a few hours before his death. When informed by his physician that he must die, he replied, "I am ready." To another he said, "the Lord has sanctified my affliction to me, and my way is clear. I have no fears of death." Thus passed away our brother, leaving behind a devoted wife and three little ones to mourn their irreparable loss, one of whom has already joined him in that "Heaven bright clime."

THE REV. WILLIAM CROOK, was born in Chester District, South Carolina, in 1805. In 1821, when sixteen years of age, he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he became a faithful minister of the gospel of Christ. He was licensed to preach in 1825. At the Conference held in Wilmington, North Carolina, February 16th, 1825, he was admitted into the travelling connection. In 1827, he was ordained deacon, and in 1829, he was ordained elder.

Brother Crook had not the advantages of a collegiate education, but he devoted himself to the study of theology, and also of the Greek and Latin languages, in which he made considerable proficiency. In this he clearly evinced an ardent desire to become fully qualified for the great work to which he felt himself called of God, the preaching of the gospel of Christ. In this work he was constantly engaged with zeal and success, from the time he joined the Conference till health failed, and he was forced to retire from the field of active labor.

He possessed, in a large measure, all those virtues and graces which constitute the Christian character, and by which he proved himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. His religion was pure and undefiled. He was one of the best and holiest of men. He obtained the blessing of sanctification soon after his conversion, and retained it to the day of his death.

He was blameless in life and conversation; and in them we see an exemplification of all that is worthy of imitation. He was ever careful to let his light shine that others seeing his good works, might glorify their Father which is in Heaven. He exerted an influence for good wherever he went, both by precept and example; and he was ever ready for the summons of death, whenever he should be called to his reward. He loved the Church devotedly, and his whole life was spent in laboring to advance the Redeemer's cause on earth. It was the delight of his soul to preach the gospel, and to point sinners to the Lamb of God.

As a preacher and a Christian, he was greatly beloved. He filled nearly all the stations in the Conference; was Presiding Elder eight years, and travelled extensively in North and South Carolina. He was one of the sweetest of singers, which contributed much to the efficiency of his ministry.

In 1861, he closed his active labors as an itinerant, having travelled thirty-six years. From this time his health gradually declined under that insidious and fatal disease, consumption. During the six years of his suffering, he preached whenever opportunity offered and his strength would allow. He had been able to attend Church from the beginning of his sickness, till the last year of his life, when to his great regret, his health failed so as to deprive him of this pleasure.

His sufferings were great, but he was patient and resigned, knowing that these afflictions would soon work out for him a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Instead of murmuring at these dispensations of God, he expressed himself as having a desire to depart

and be with Christ. About three months before his death, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to him, and his soul was made happy in the love of Christ. A short time before his death, he called his family to his bedside, and requested them to kneel and pray that God would grant him a full blessing before his departure. They did so, and his soul was filled unutterably full of joy and peace, so that he shouted aloud the praises of his blessed Redeemer. He had no fear of death; all was bright beyond; and he felt that for him to die was gain. On Monday night, November 25, 1867, he breathed his last in the triumphs of faith, and his sanctified spirit passed away to enjoy the rest that remains for the people of God.

QUES. XV. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

ANS. This was carefully attended to by calling over their names severally before the Conference.

QUES. XVI. What is the number of preachers and members in the several Circuit Stations and Missions of the Conference?

NAMES OF CIRCUIT STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members	White Infants Baptized.	Colored Infants Baptized.	White Members Died.	Colored Members Died.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	White Adults Baptized.	Colored Adults Baptized.	Value of Church Property.	Consolidated Collection.
CHARLESTON, Trinity,	296			15		6		1	27	193		500	1		2		\$40,000 00	\$195 00
Cumberland, }																		
Bethel, }	383			30		5		1	32	208		600	2	1	8		30,000 00	1 00
Spring St. }																		
Cooper River, -	186	60		19	25	3		3	5	50	15	100	11	1			1,000 00	2 00
Summerville, -	417			33	2	5		7	24	140	25	270	10		6		2,500 00	87 00
Walterboro' -	270	92		15	32	7		3	6	50			8				1,500 00	
St. Bartholomew, -	479	317		178	174			3	14									
Bamberg, -	267			26		5		1	10	45		50	4	1			4,000 00	
Hardeeville, -																		
Allendale, -	164			2	2	4							4	1	2	93		88 98
Black Swamp, -	120	350		1	6	2		3	9	20		60	6		1	100	4,000 00	10 00
TOTAL, - - - -	2582	819	241	319	319	87	320	127	706	401	580	46	4	19	242	\$83,000 00	\$333 98	

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUIT STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Consolidated Collections.																		
	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members	White Infants Baptized.	Colored Infants Baptized.	White Members Died.	Colored Members Died.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	White Adults Baptized.	Colored Adults Baptized.	Value of Church Property	\$	
Orangeburg, -	126	27	13	16	96	200	3	2	1	16	14	56	25	12	12	100	2,000 00	2	26 25
Eastern Orange, -	223	15	15	14	56	144	4	2	2	14	10	12	12	4	4	100	5,000 00	2	14 13
Branchville, -	195	4	4	10	12	12	4	3	3	15	80	100	4	5	4	100	1,600 00	2	21 25
Upper Orange, -	288		2	12	85			3	3	12	85						3,000 00		103 00
St. Mathews, -	181		12	8	60			2	2	10	55	100	4	5	4	100	2,000 00	8	32 10
St. Georges, -	408	30	22	10	55			2	2	10	55	100	4	1	1	100	2,000 00	1	195 00
Providence, -	410	170	23	55	244			8	8	55	244	373	10	1	1	200	5,000 00	1	50 00
Blackville, -	414	38	14	8	52			3	3	8	52	200	1	1	1	514	4,000 00		13 00
Aiken, -	35			1	12			1	1	12	91	100	10	1	1	100	3,000 00		20 80
Graniteville Mission, -	118	186	10	3	31			3	3	31	148	6	6	8	7	57	2,000 00		6 35
Lexington, -	499	10	13	19	76			2	2	19	76	45	5	1	27		2,000 00		8 00
Lexington Mission, -	69	10	10	22	150			4	4	22	150	260							44 00
Barnwell, -	149	160	10	19															
Upper St. Mathews', -	205	189	19																
TOTAL, - - - -	15,3270	810	167	232	1255	82	1991	38	232	1255	82	1991	70	6	62	83	\$29,600 00		\$533 88

MARION DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	White Infants Baptized.	Colored Infants. Baptized.	White Members Died.	Colored Members Died.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	White Adults Baptized.	Colored Adults Baptized.	Value of Church Property.	Consolidated Collection.
Marion,	4	156		5		4		1	22	135		275	1	1	3		\$7 000 00	\$35 50
Marion Circuit,	5	519		11		6		5	19	89		238	9	1			8,000 00	60 00
Buck Swamp,	5	547		93	3	5	1	6	36	196		220	8		59	17	3,200 00	18 10
Liberty Chapel,	1	343	300	3											21			
Darlington,		89		1		2		2	11	48		250	1				3,500 00	118 60
Darlington Circuit,	8	820				5		12	78	593	57	800	15	1	2		5,000 00	121 00
Brownsville,	5	397	7	31		3		5	21	125			6					31 55
Georgetown,		132		7		4		1	15	80		150	1	1				33 25
Black River,		152		35		4		3	8	70	50	100	6		2		2,500 00	
Kingstree,	2	414		59	2	3		6	37	180	27	300	6	1	9		3,000 00	135 00
Yuhaney and Black River Mission,	1	126		3		3		1	1	18		35	4		2		3,500 00	
Conwayboro',		108	2	2	3	2		1	13	65		300	1		3		2,000 00	27 00
Conwayboro' Circuit,	4	592	60	37		6		14	70	510	20	602	15	1	34	4	6,000 00	
Waccamaw Circuit and Mission,	2	309	65	13	4	3		3	14	79		35	8	1	6		5,000 00	5 03
Lynchburg,	4	540	260	12		4		9	48	215	22		11	1	16	18		25 00
TOTAL,	36	5244	727	812	12	54	1	169	393	2403	176	3305	92	8	157	39	\$48,700 00	\$610 03

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	White Infans Baptized.	Colored Infants. Baptized.	White Members Died.	Color'd Members Died.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	White Adults Baptized.	Colored Adults Baptized.	Value of Church Property.	Consolidated Collection.
	1	258	75	9	3	3	1	1	13	140	77	300	1	1	2	6	\$3,500 00	\$113 65
Columbia, Washington street,	1	134		3		2		1	15	133		800	1		10		\$2,000 00	64 95
“ Marion street,	1	310	75	11		3		5	35	140		1000	7		20		\$5,000 00	26 50
Columbia Circuit,		237	120	8		4		3	13	43			6	1	15		\$2,000 00	31 00
Richland Fork,		349		10		2		2	12	80			5				\$5,000 00	42 00
Rocky Mount,	1	93											3				900 00	
Sandy River,		260	50	11		2		2	10	40		100	4	1			\$5,000 00	
Chester,		384	100	5	30	5		6	33	225			8	1	10	20		78 80
Fairfield,	2	65		2		3		1	5	25		100	1	1	1		\$6,000 00	38 00
Camden,		200		4		3		1	14	86		280	1	1	1		\$4,000 00	115 80
Sumter,	3	404		4		7		1	6	35		50	7	1	3		\$7,000 00	77 75
Sumter Circuit,	3	351	17	17				5	22	104		500	7	1	13	14		51 00
Bishopville,	1	290	6	9		2		2	7	30			5	1	3		\$5,500 00	9 05
Manning,		242		6	1	2		4	28	75			4	1	4		\$2,000 00	18 60
Santee,	5																	
TOTAL,	17	3577	368	99	31	38		34	213	1156	77	3130	60	9	82	40	\$40,900 00	\$667 10

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUIT STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members	White Infants Baptized.	Colored Infants Baptized.	White Members Died.	Colored Members Died.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	White Adults Baptized.	Colored Adults Baptized.	Value of Church Property	Consolidated Collections.
Cokesbury, -	2	580	312	16	2	6		8	66	285	150	1110	9		37	11	\$36,000 00	\$248 00
Abbeville, -		645	838	14	1			11	76	440	125		10	1	43	63		233 00
Ninety-six, -	2	290		7	20	3		5	30	200	30	300	5	1	21	70	3,500 00	25 00
Ninety-six Colored Circuit, -			150			3							1			10	800 00	10 00
Saluda River Mission, -		27	75	7		3			12	95	20	80	5		4	46	1,000 00	64.50
Mapleton, -	2	288	322	2	5	2	1	4	11	140		250	4	1	57	27	2,000 00	65 00
Edgefield, -	2	265	50	8		3		3	7	52			8	1	2		2,000 00	80 00
Butler, -	1	365	97	2		3		1	14	74		200	1	1			2,500 00	77 00
Newberry, -		67		6		3			15						22	70	8,000 00	195 00
Newberry Circuit, -	3	675	900	25		7		11	50	290		400	14	1	25	100	10,000 00	84 25
Laurens, -	2	625	300	17	8	5		11	85	500		250	13		1		5,000 00	96 50
Reedy River, -		268		4				4	20	75					4			
TOTAL, -	14	4095	3044	108	36	35	1	61	371	2151	325	2590	70	7	195	397	\$38,400 00	\$1178 25

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUIT STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers.																			Consolidated Collections.
	White Members.	Colored Members	White Infants Baptized.	Colored Infants Baptized.	White Members Died.	Colored Members Died.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	White Adults Baptized.	Colored Adults Baptized.	Value of Church Property				
Spartanburg, Circuit,	3	240	50	19	9	1	2	30	175	50	600	1	1	3	3	\$5,000 00	\$400 72			
Rich Hill,	1	307	29	11	9	1	3	9	90	70	150	7	7	13	1	1,550 00	2 60			
Pacolet,	1	545	195	6	9	5	1	16	288		202	4	4	39	2	1,800 00	59 20			
Unionville,	2	85	3	7	9	2	4	10	67		200	2	1	2	2	2,500 00	54 40			
Fair Forrest,	2	272	87	98	5	4	1	25	120		300	7	7	27	9	2,000 00	8 85			
Cane Creek,	1	125	200	5	5	2	2	8	45		200	3	3	3	2	2,000 00	90 00			
Belmont,	1	330	23	10	5	2	6	24	180		200	6	6	35	2	2,200 00	58 00			
Goshen Hill,	1	125	50	5	20	2	4	15	175		175	6	1	6		4,000 00	11 55			
Rutherford,	2	480	10	20	3	4	4	24	100		200	9	1	35		2,000 00	13 00			
Cherry Mount,	1	194	10	3	3	3	3	24	100		20	7				500 00				
Marion, N. C.	-	40		3	3		4	9	25			1		13	3	800 00	4 00			
McDowell,	-	538	73	18		3	2	19	134			10		18		1,000	10 00			
Columbus,	-	294	100	24			6	37	195			10								
TOTAL,-	17	3717	1020	221	35	29	4	50	288	1644	195	2047	80	3	189	57	\$25,350 00	\$712 32		

WADESBORO' DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers.																
	White Members.	Colored Members.	White Infants Baptized.	Colored Infants Baptized.	White Members Died.	Colored Members Died.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	White Adults Baptized.	Colored Adults Baptized.	Value of Church Property.	Consolidated Collection.
Wadesboro, -	1	697	126	20	11	1	7	40	220	100	350	14	1	9	4	\$5,000 00	\$129 00
Cherry, -	2	126	10		2		1	12	50	150	1	1		19		2,500 00	30 52
Ansonville, -	3	636	20				7	41	230	385	9	1		13		1,000 00	5 00
Monroe, -	2	108	16		1		7	15	90	100	1	10		1		10,000 00	16 40
Monroe Circuit, -	2	613	15		4		7	35	200			9		6		3,200 00	15 55
Pleasant Grove, -	1	625	14		3		9	58	249	250	150	3	1	2		5,000 00	11 00
Lancaster, -	1	150	4		2		1	10	50		150	4	1	2		3,000 00	
Hanging Rock, -	320		19		4		6	30	161		150	4	1	28		8,000 00	
Bennettsville, -	7	1082	25		5		12	60	355	30	370	12	1	6		8,000 00	196 60
Albermarle, -	2	790	100		6		10	70	400	75	1000	13	1	25	7	3,800 00	12 00
Concord, -	1	177	30		6		4	30	195		125	4	1	1		6,200 00	
Mount Pleasant, -	1	403	16		4		4	50	370		700	8		15		3,255 00	
Chesterfield, -	4	541	25				8	53	240			9	1	20			30 50
TOTAL, -	25	6861	313	211	15	46	3	80	504	2810	759	8430	97	8	11	\$50,955 00	\$444 67

QUES. XVII. *How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?*

ANS. 1,965 white, and 516 colored infants. 1,236 white, and 851 colored adults.

QUES. XVIII. *What is the number of Sunday Schools, Teachers and Scholars?*

ANS. 472 Sunday Schools, 2,866 officers and teachers. 17,566 white, and 1,814 colored scholars.

QUES. XIX. *What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective Districts, Circuits and Stations?*

ANS. \$8,540 00.

QUES. XX. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

ANS. \$1,369 40 divided among twenty-six claimants, according to the Discipline.

QUES. XXI. *What has been collected for the Missionary and Tract Societies?*

ANS. \$1,892 10 collected for missions.

QUES. XXII. *When and where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?*

ANS. Abbeville, S. C. The time to be fixed by the bishops.

QUES. XXIII. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

APPOINTMENTS—1868.

PLACES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	
Charleston—Trinity & Cumberland	A. M. Chrietzberg, Presid. Elder.
Bethel, - - -	F. A. Mood.
Spring Street, -	J. T. Wightman.
Cooper River, - - -	To be supplied.
Summerville, - - -	D. D. Byers; E. J. Pennington,
Cypress, - - -	Sup'y.
St. George's Circuit, - -	H. M. Mood.
St George's Mission, - -	To be supplied.
Branchville, - - -	J. L. Sifley.
Eastern Orange, - - -	To be supplied.
Orangeburg, - - -	Thomas Raysor.
Providence, - - -	W. W. Jones.
St. Matthews', - - -	W. G. Connor.
Upper St. Matthews', - -	J. S. Connor.
Lexington Circuit, - -	W. Hutto.
Lexington Mission, - -	To be supplied.
	J. E. Penny.
	To be supplied.
BAMBERG DISTRICT.	
Bamberg Circuit, - - -	D. J. Simmons, Presiding Elder.
Blackville, - - -	Charles Wilson.
Upper Orange, - - -	W. Carson; R. B. Tarrant, Sup'y.
Aiken, - - -	To be supplied.
Graniteville Mission, - -	Alexander W. Walker.
Barnwell, - - -	J. R. Pickett.
Allendale, - - -	A. Nettles.
St. Bartholemew's, - -	A. J. Stokes.
Walterboro', - - -	L. Wood.
Black Swamp, - - -	J. W. McRoy.
Hardeeville, - - -	T. J. Clyde.
	J. R. Coburn.
MARION DISTRICT.	
Marion Station, - - -	R. J. Boyd, Presiding Elder.
Marion Circuit, - - -	G. H. Wells; T. Mitchell, Sup'y.
Brownsville, - - -	L. M. Little; T. W. Munnerlyn,
	Sup'y.
	W. C. Power.

APPOINTMENTS—CONTINUED.

PLACES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.
Buck Swamp, - - -	J. B. Platt.
Liberty Chapel, - - -	D. W. Seale.
Darlington Station, - - -	J. P. Morris.
Darlington Circuit, - - -	S. Jones, S. M. Davis.
Georgetown, - - -	J. A. Porter.
Black River Circuit and Mission,	J. C. Stoll.
Kingstree, - - - -	W. W. Mood.
Conwayboro' Station, - - -	J. H. C. McKinney.
Conwayboro' Circuit, - - -	L. Scarbrough.
Waccamaw Circuit and Mission,	S. P. H. Elwell; C. Betts, Sup'y.
Lynchburg, - - - -	D. J. McMillan.
COLUMBIA DISTRICT.	
Columbia—Washington Street,	C. H. Pritchard, Presiding Elder.
Columbia—Marion Street, -	W. Martin; C. Murchison, Sup'y.
Columbia Circuit, - - -	S. H. Browne.
{ Rocky Mount, - - -	Joseph Parker.
{ Sandy River, - - -	J. L. Shuford.
Chester, - - - -	G. W. M. Creighton.
Richland Fork, - - - -	J. E. Watson.
Fairfield, - - - -	M. Brown.
Camden, - - - -	A. J. Cauthen; one to be supplied.
Sumter Station, - - - -	C. Thomason.
Sumter Circuit, - - - -	J. Stacey.
Bishopville, - - - -	J. W. Murray.
Manning, - - - -	P. F. Kistler; A. McCorquodale,
Santee, - - - -	Sup'y.
Agent for Sunday Schools, Tracts	S. J. Hill.
and Books, - - - -	J. B. Campbell.
	S. Leard.
COKESBURY DISTRICT.	
Cokesbury Station, - - -	W. H. Fleming, Presiding Elder.
{ Cokesbury Circuit, - - -	W. T. Capers; S. B. Jones, Sup'y.
{ Greenwood Colored Circuit,	J. T. Kilgo.
{ Abbeville, - - - -	To be supplied.
{ Abbeville Colored Circuit,	W. P. Mouzon.
{ Ninety-Six, - - - -	To be supplied.
{ Ninety-Six Colored Circuit,	T. G. Herbert.
Saluda River Mission, - - -	To be supplied.
Mapleton, - - - -	W. H. Lawton, Sup'y.
{ Edgefield, - - - -	J. B. Traywick.
{ Savannah River Mission, -	P. L. Herman.
	T. S. Daniel.

APPOINTMENTS—CONTINUED.

PLACES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.
Butler, - - - -	W. A. Clark.
Newberry Station, - -	W. S. Black.
Newberry Circuit, - -	J. H. Zimmerman, R. M. Harrison.
Laurens, - - - -	J. W. Kelly; one to be supplied.
Clinton, - - - -	J. Attaway.
Reedy River, - - - -	F. Auld.
Orphan's Home Mission, -	Thomas H. Edwards.
GREENVILLE DISTRICT.	
Greenville Station, - -	A. B. Stephens, Presiding Elder.
Greenville Circuit, - -	R. L. Harper.
Reidville, - - - -	J. J. Workman.
Pickensville, - - - -	W. Bowman.
Keowee, - - - -	J. M. Carlisle.
Walhalla, - - - -	J. L. Stoudemire.
	One to be supplied; F. M. Morgan, Sup'y.
Seneca and Tugalo, - -	R. R. Dagnall.
Anderson Station, - -	S. A. Weber.
Anderson Circuit, - -	W. A. Hodges.
Pendleton, - - - -	George F. Round.
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.	
Spartanburg Station, - -	R. P. Franks, Presiding Elder.
Spartanburg Circuit, - -	W. A. Gamewell.
Unionville and Cane Creek, -	J. D. Carpenter.
Rich Hill, - - - -	O. A. Darby.
Pacolet and Fair Forest, -	J. S. Ervin; R. C. Oliver, Sup'y.
Belmont, - - - -	J. B. Massebeau.
Goshen Hill, - - - -	A. N. Wells.
Columbus, - - - -	E. G. Gage.
{ Rutherford, - - - -	J. A. Wood.
{ Cherry Mount Mission, -	V. A. Sharp; D. May, Sup'y.
Marion (N. C.), - - - -	To be supplied.
McDowell, - - - -	J. R. Griffith.
	H. J. Morgan.
Wofford College, - - - -	{ A. M. Shipp, President.
	{ W. Smith, Professor.
	{ A. H. Lester, Professor.
SHELBY DISTRICT.	
Shelby Station, - - - -	J. W. North, Presiding Elder.
	J. W. Humbert; R. B. Alston, Sup'y.
Shelby Circuit, - - - -	A. P. Avant.
Lincolnton, - - - -	A. W. Walker.

APPOINTMENTS—CONTINUED.

PLACES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.
Rock Spring, - - -	J. Finger.
Dallas, - - - -	C. E. Land.
York, - - - - -	J. S. Nelson, M. E. Hoyle; M. A. Connolly and L. A. Johnson, Sup'y.
Pineville, - - - -	N. K. Melton.
{ Charlotte Station, - -	E. J. Meynardie.
{ Calvary Mission, - -	To be supplied.
North Charlotte Circuit, -	J. J. Prather; one to be supplied.
Newton, - - - - -	B. G. Jones.
South Fork, - - - -	J. W. Watts.
Lenoir, - - - - -	G. W. Ivey.
Happy Home, - - - -	J. C. Hartsell.
Morganton, - - - -	P. G. Bowman.
Morganton Colored Charge, -	To be supplied.
Davenport Female College, -	Samuel Lander, President.
Mecklenburg Female College,	A. G. Stacy, President.
WADESBORO' DISTRICT.	
Wadesboro' Circuit, - - -	F. M. Kennedy, Presiding Elder.
Cheraw Station, - - - -	E. W. Thompson, W. L. Pegues.
Bennettsville, - - - -	A. J. Stafford.
Ansonville, - - - - -	M. L. Banks; one to be supplied.
Albermarle, - - - - -	T. A. Boone.
Concord, - - - - -	J. W. Puett.
Mount Pleasant, - - - -	R. R. Pegues.
Lancaster, - - - - -	E. A. Lemmond.
Hanging Rock, - - - -	J. W. Crider.
Chesterfield, - - - - -	R. L. Duffie.
Monroe Station, - - - -	O. Eddy.
Monroe Circuit, - - - -	J. A. Little.
Pleasant Grove, - - - -	J. W. Abernathy.
South Charlotte Circuit, -	J. C. Crisp.
Thompson's Creek Mission, -	J. M. Cline.
Carolina Female College, -	J. W. Coward.
	J. A. Mood, Professor and Chaplain.

Marcus A. McKibben, transferred to South Georgia Conference.

F. Milton Kennedy was elected to preach the Annual Sermon before the Junior Preachers.

RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, &c.

Resolved, That the Conference hereby express their great gratification in this first visit of the presiding officer, Bishop D. S. Doggett. By his urbanity, forbearance, and care as President, and his faithfulness as a preacher, he has endeared himself to us all, and we trust that in the arrangement of the plan of Episcopal visitation we may soon enjoy a repetition of the pleasure.

THE TUNE BOOK.

WHEREAS, We believe that our Tune Book is the best published, and that its use is quite desirable; and

WHEREAS, The people generally have not learned the science of music to the extent its forms demand; therefore

Resolved, That we ask the Book Editors and Publishers to publish it in the shaped notes of latest style, together with a gamut or short treatise of instruction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the *Southern Christian Advocate*, and that the Secretary be requested to furnish a copy to the Book Agent at Nashville.

THANKSGIVING AND FAST DAY.

On Wednesday, 24th day of May, 1738, at five o'clock in the morning, John Wesley, while reading Luther's Introduction to Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, "felt his heart strangely warmed."

Resolved, In order to keep the membership of our Church properly informed and interested in the origin, history, progress, peculiarities and success of Methodism, that the 24th day of May—the date of the conversion of John Wesley—be set apart by this Conference for Annual Public Services, to be celebrated by Sermons, Addresses, Sunday School Festivals, or otherwise, in all our charges, to this end.

Resolved, That the 1st Friday in September be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer before God, and that all our charges be invited to unite in earnest, humble supplication to the Great Head of the Church that He would raise up and thrust forth more laborers into the harvest.

EDUCATION OF YOUNG MEN DESIGNING TO ENTER THE MINISTRY.

WHEREAS, There are a number of young men within the bounds of the South Carolina Conference, whom God has called to the work of the Ministry, and who are unable by reason of poverty to obtain the educational qualifications which they so much desire, and which is demanded by the Church ; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to address letters to the District Meetings within the bounds of the Conference, urging upon them the importance of selecting at least one young man from each District, and defraying his educational expenses at Wofford College.

F. A. Mood, F. M. Kennedy and O. A. Darby were appointed on the Committee.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, The Discipline clearly makes it the duty of every travelling preacher to attend the Annual Sessions of the Conference with which he is connected, and whereas the record this year shows the absence of the unparalled number of forty-eight clerical members.

Resolved, That this Conference cannot but look upon the voluntary absence of any member from any of its sessions with unqualified regret and disapprobation, and believe that a continuance of such neglect must result in grave injury to the interests of our Zion, very imperfect performance of the business of our annual sessions, and must inevitably result in serious damage to the personal piety, efficiency and usefulness of the absentees.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, The General Conference has granted the principle of Lay Representation, and provided a plan for delegates to the Annual Conference ; therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we welcome such brethren in our body under the law, and that we value their services and sacrifices for the Church very highly.

2nd. That we hope their election by the District Meetings will be controlled by such reasons as will secure the fullest attendance hereafter.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

A. M. Shipp, James Stacy, C. Betts, W. G. Connor, James Stokes, S. E. McMillan, George W. Williams.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education present the following report of the condition and prospects of the several Institutions of learning under the patronage of the South Carolina Conference, founded on the different papers referred to them for consideration:

WOFFORD COLLEGE, SPARTANBURG C. H., S C.

The first session of the Fourteenth Collegiate year commenced in this Institution on the first day of October last with a patronage of seventy-one students in the College and Preparatory School. The number in attendance during the preceeding session, beginning in January last, was sixty-six. The course of studies and the standard of scholarship remain unchanged, but the Faculty, under the direction of the Trustees, now admit into the Institution irregular students, or those who wish to pursue particular studies only. Of the studious and moral habits of the young men connected with the College, the Committee take pleasure in presenting the following gratifying account taken from the Annual Report of the Faculty to the Board of Trustees: "The amount of application to studies on the part of the students generally, as evinced by the tests to which they were subjected, has been in advance of that of former years, and the Faculty record with special gratification the uniform good order and correct moral deportment which have characterized the young men. It is a rare thing in our American Colleges for a year to pass by without the calling together of the Faculty to give admonition, administer rebuke, or attend to some more serious case of discipline, yet this has not

occurred for a series of years in this Institution. The administration at present gives no painful anxiety. The students govern themselves. The Faculty take special pleasure in recording, that the portion of the students who were connected with the late Confederate Armies and who have entered the Institution to complete their education, have evinced remarkable energy and perseverance in study, and their deportment, so far from exhibiting any demoralization from the service, has manifested rather a scrupulous adherence to all the rules of order and an exact attention to every particular duty, which promises the attainment of accurate scholarship here and the rich results of complete success in after life. The College during the present year, as during the past, has been visited with a gracious outpouring of the Spirit, and the students, with few exceptions, are professors of religion and members of the Church. The College Chapel, it is believed presents a congregation of as devout and earnest worshippers as waits on the public ministrations of any of our sanctuaries." The Committee congratulate this Conference of Ministers and Laymen on having under their auspices and conveniently located within their jurisdiction an Institution of learning in which the *Christian* education of young men is, under the blessing of God, in good truth secured. We have no faith whatever in any other education. We are no advocates whatever for enlarging the *mind* and making no attack on the *heart*. We are no supporters of systems which cherish the *intellect* and care nothing for the *conscience*. We would not ask an impoverished people to give the inconsiderable assistance that it may be in their power to give to any plan which is to equip men with energy of examination and grasp of spirit in reference to what is temporal, and leave them the prey of every deceiver in reference to what is eternal. We do not want a mere intellectual education which would give us a mighty but ungovernable population—a population taught its strength but not its right use—a population therefore which must spring out with the restlessness of a giant, and in the pride of its newly found vigor level with the earth whatever is glowing, noble and ancestral. We want a religious education—an education based on the old fashioned but irreversible principles that the readiest mode of making a man a good member of society is to make him a good Christian—that in teaching him to fear God we bind him to the performance of every duty which devolves upon him in every relationship. It is the *Christian* education of the young we wish it then observed, which we press on this Conference and through it on every member of

the Church as an imperative duty, and the hearty promotion of which may be taken in proof of an honest purpose to glorify God. And we recommend Wofford College to the liberal support of all our people because we believe it labors to impart a religious education and is therefore worthy their care both as philanthropists and Christians. The contribution of fifteen cents per annum by each white member of the Church within the South Carolina Conference will place the Institution in easy circumstances, and enable it to continue its career of usefulness to the Church and the country. The Faculty of the College are at present inadequately supported. The Committee recommend an appropriation by the Conference, for the relief of the College of \$7,000, raised by the several Presiding Elder's Districts. The assessment for each District shall be apportioned by the Presiding Elder at the beginning of the year, or at the latest by the first meeting of the District Stewards, among the several appointments within his District, and the preacher in charge, or such laymen as he may select, or both together, shall bring the object of the collection fully before the church-meeting of every congregation, and urge the payment of the amount deemed equitable by the members and friends at the several Churches, and report said payments to the President of the College, on or before the first day of July, 1868. If the whole amount for which each congregation is assessed be not raised by that time, the effort shall be repeated at some suitable time in the latter part of the year, and the result reported as above at the next session of the Conference. Provided, however, that if in any District the amount of the assessment for said District be raised or pledged in due time by voluntary associations in relief of the College, auxiliary to a Society whose Anniversary may be held at the College during the week of commencement, then the collections in said District as above shall not be required to be taken up. Of the above appropriation, \$6,000 shall go for the support of the Faculty, and \$1,000—should so much additional be raised—shall go for improving the College campus, repairing the buildings, re-fitting the laboratory, purchasing books, etc., as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Trustees.

The next session of the College and the Schools will begin on the 7th January, 1868.

COLLEGE FACULTY—Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; David Duncan, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature; Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D.,

Professor of English Literature; Warren DuPre, A. M., Professor of Natural Science; J. H. Carlisle, A. M., Professor of Mathematics; Rev. A. H. Lester, A. M., Professor of History and Biblical Literature.

DIVINITY SCHOOL—Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D; Rev. A. H. Lester, A. M.

The Preparatory School is under the immediate supervision of the Faculty of the College.

TRUSTEES—W. A. Gamewell, A. M. Shipp, J. R. Pickett, C. Betts, W. P. Mouzon, H. M. Mood, J. W. Kelly, H. Wofford, G. W. Williams, S. Bobo, W. J. T. Miller, J. H. Dogan, Robt. Bryce.

COKESBURY SCHOOL.

The Board of Trustees have elected Jas. L. Leslie, A. M., to the Rectorship of this School, and under his charge expect the Institution to prosper as in former days. They have already a number of applications for the next year. The exercises will be resumed on the first Monday in February next. The Committee take the liveliest interest in the fortunes of this venerable school, and express the hope that the largest expectations of the Trustees may be fully met.

TRUSTEES—F. A. Connor, Chas. Smith, J. W. Hodges, F. F. Gary, S. Leard, S. B. Jones, W. H. Lawton, W. H. Fleming and J. T. Kilgo. The two last instead of S. H. Brown and T. Raysor.

SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Committee, after a careful examination of all the facts connected with this Institution, recommend for adoption by the Conference the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference hereby approves of the course of action proposed to be taken by the Board of Trustees of Spartanburg Female College, as set forth in the resolutions adopted at their last meeting, and in furtherance of the same advice the discontinuance of said Institution under the auspices of the Conference.

TRUSTEES—S. Bobo, A. W. Walker, A. H. Lester, C. Murchison, T. G. Herbert, J. A. Porter, Manning Brown, W. S. Black, W. DuPre, T. O. W. Vernon, A. H. Kirby, P. H. Wilson, John A. Lee.

CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.

During the past Collegiate year, this Institution has been in a prosperous condition. Three young ladies were graduated at the last commencement, and seventy-eight have been in attendance. Not a single

case of serious sickness has occurred in the College during the whole year. The Committee congratulate the Trustees on the growing evidence of prosperity, and express the hope that with the hearty co-operation of the Conference their efforts to build up this Institution may be crowned with complete success.

FACULTY—J. E. Blankenship, President; J. A. Mood, Professor and Chaplain; Mrs. E. J. Cannon, Teacher of Music; Miss M. Harrison, Preparatory School; Mrs. M. T. Blankenship, Matron and Teacher of Embroidery, Painting and Drawing.

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COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Rev. William C. Power, who was requested by the Conference at its last session to examine into the liability and assets of the Columbia Female College, and in consultation with the Trustees to devise means for the relief of the College from its embarrassments, submits the following report:

The present indebtedness is about,	\$19,655 00
The assets on the 1st of December instant, not inclusive of College Buildings, were:	
Eight Pianos—worth about.	\$1,200 00
Other property	500 00
A note for two Pianos sold	500 00
Nickerson's obligations for Furniture	600 00
“ “ Rents to December, 1867	2,100 00
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	\$4,900 00

In the confusion incident to the sacking and burning of Columbia many articles were removed from the College Building by destitute citizens, and although efforts have been made by the Trustees to recover these lost articles, but few of them have been reported or returned.

The Trustees are not considered answerable for these losses, as they did all in their power to save the property, but those of them who remained in Columbia were occupied with care for their own homes and families.

In the present financial embarrassment of the city and surrounding country, your agent sees no means of relieving the College from debt, and suggests that the present policy of renting the buildings remain in force until the affairs of the country become more settled.

The committee recommend the adoption by the Conference of the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Trustees is hereby directed to call together a full meeting of the Board, both clerical and laymen, at an early day, to take into mature consideration the interest of the Institution, and to devise the best policy to be adopted in future in relation to it.

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DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE.

This Institution has been in successful operation the past year under the Presidency of Rev. J. R. Griffith, who, however, has recently tendered his resignation, and Rev. Samuel Lander has been elected in his place.

The College has been leased for a rent proportional to the number of pupils. The entire indebtedness of the Institution having been assumed by a few of the Trustees, it is hoped that a united effort will be made to relieve them of this embarrassment, which can be easily done by increasing the patronage of the College. In furtherance of which object the Trustees respectfully ask, and the Committee recommend the appointment of Rev. J. R. Griffith, Travelling Agent.

In conclusion, the Trustees would urge upon the Conference the importance of sustaining this Institution. Built by citizens of Caldwell County, it was handed over to the Conference as a free-will offering, and consequently sustains a relation to the Church that few other Institutions can claim.

TRUSTEES—J. W. North, P. F. Kistler, A. J. Cauthen, S. Lander, A. McCorquodale, P. G. Bowman, G. W. Ivy, Col. E. W. Jones, Col. J. Harper, S. Dula, James A. Claywell and A. Shell. P. G. Bowman instead of A. G. Stacy, and James A. Claywell instead of Nelson Powell.

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The Rev. William C. Power, who was requested by the Conference at its last session to examine into the liability and assets of the Columbia Female College, and in consultation with the Trustees to devise means for the relief of the College from its embarrassments, submits the following report:

The present indebtedness is about,	\$19,655 00
The assets on the 1st of December instant, not inclusive of College Buildings, were:	
Eight Pianos—worth about.	\$1,200 00
Other property	500 00
A note for two Pianos sold	500 00
Nickerson's obligations for Furniture	600 00
“ “ Rents to December, 1867	2,100 00
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	\$4,900 00

In the confusion incident to the sacking and burning of Columbia many articles were removed from the College Building by destitute citizens, and although efforts have been made by the Trustees to recover these lost articles, but few of them have been reported or returned.

The Trustees are not considered answerable for these losses, as they did all in their power to save the property, but those of them who remained in Columbia were occupied with care for their own homes and families.

In the present financial embarrassment of the city and surrounding country, your agent sees no means of relieving the College from debt, and suggests that the present policy of renting the buildings remain in force until the affairs of the country become more settled.

The committee recommend the adoption by the Conference of the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Trustees is hereby directed to call together a full meeting of the Board, both clerical and laymen, at an early day, to take into mature consideration the interest of the Institution, and to devise the best policy to be adopted in future in relation to it.

TRUSTEES — R. J. Boyd, A. M. Crietzberg, J. Stacy, C. H. Pritchard, S. H. Browne, W. G. Connor, O. A. Darby, W. T. Capers, N. Talley, F. A. Mood, E. J. Meynardie, D. J. Simmons, E. G. Gage, R. Bryce, Dr. J. W. Parker, Gen. W. Wallace, Hon. J. S. Preston, E. J. Arthur, R. D. Senn, A. F. Dubard, W. Glaze, Dr. A. N. Tally, Dr. C. H. Miot, Col. L. D. Childs, D. B. Miller.

DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE.

This Institution has been in successful operation the past year under the Presidency of Rev. J. R. Griffith, who, however, has recently tendered his resignation, and Rev. Samuel Lander has been elected in his place.

The College has been leased for a rent proportional to the number of pupils. The entire indebtedness of the Institution having been assumed by a few of the Trustees, it is hoped that a united effort will be made to relieve them of this embarrassment, which can be easily done by increasing the patronage of the College. In furtherance of which object the Trustees respectfully ask, and the Committee recommend the appointment of Rev. J. R. Griffith, Travelling Agent.

In conclusion, the Trustees would urge upon the Conference the importance of sustaining this Institution. Built by citizens of Caldwell County, it was handed over to the Conference as a free-will offering, and consequently sustains a relation to the Church that few other Institutions can claim.

TRUSTEES—J. W. North, P. F. Kistler, A. J. Cauthen, S. Lander, A. McCorquodale, P. G. Bowman, G. W. Ivy, Col. E. W. Jones, Col. J. Harper, S. Dula, James A. Claywell and A. Shell. P. G. Bowman instead of A. G. Stacy, and James A. Claywell instead of Nelson Powell.

In addition to the Institutions under the regular patronage of the Conference, the Committee call attention to the Orangeburg Female Seminary, under the supervision of the Rev. W. G. Connor, A. M., as eminently worthy the patronage of our people—especially as it is the design of the Principal to retain the old patronage of the Columbia Female College, and to transfer it to that Institution when it shall again be put in operation. Also to the Collegiate Institute of Charleston, under the supervision of the Rev. H. M. Mood, A. M., and to the Mecklenburg Female College, under the direction of the Rev. A. G. Stacy, A. M., and the Bishop is hereby, respectfully requested to continue these brethren in connection with these Institutions.

In conclusion, the Committee offer for adoption, by the Conference, the following resolutions, viz:

1st. That the Presiding Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint to our Institutions of learning such members of the Conference as have been elected by the several Boards of Trustees to fill chairs of instruction.

2nd. That as a body of Christian Ministers and Laymen, we are profoundly convinced of the importance of giving a religious education to the youth of our country, and we will use our best endeavors to promote the interests of our Institutions of learning, recommending them in our intercourse with the people, obtaining for them as many students as possible, and heartily co-operating in raising such funds as have been voted by the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

William T. Capers, D. J. Simmons, A. J. Cauthen, J. L. McDowal, E. T. McSwain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Profoundly impressed with the importance of the Sunday School as an Institution for the religious education of the young; believing that it aids the Christian parent, opens the pastor's way to the confidence and love of children, offers the means of light and life to the neglected offspring of the unconverted, and gathers the Lambs of Jesus around their Shepherd and Saviour; considering with apprehension and sor-

row the tendency of the times to licentiousness as seen in the voluptuousness of fashion and the audacity of skepticism, and being *firmly persuaded that as are the children of the present generation, will be the men and women of the next*, your Committee congratulate the Conference on the flourishing condition of many of our Sunday Schools, the result of the Lord's blessing upon pastoral fidelity.

We have 691 churches with a membership of *about* 40,000. We have 396 schools, with 2,411 teachers and 7,139 scholars. It appears to your Committee, beloved brethren, that these figures proclaim a sad lack of zeal in this sacred cause on the part of our churches and their pastors. We respectfully submit that the number of scholars should be *at least* equal to the number of members—each communicant having a successor in the nursery of the Church. Forty thousand Christians alive to the value of the human soul and the perils to which it is exposed, all along the path of life should surely succeed in collecting in Sunday Schools for religious instruction, *forty thousand* immortal children, whose young breasts “heave with infinite possibilities.”

The Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That as ministers of the grace of God, we will, God being our helper, carry out the instructions of the Church on the subject of the religious training of children, as we find them in the third section of the third chapter of our excellent Book of Discipline, striving to organize a Sunday School at *every Church* committed to our pastoral care, and to secure the hearty co-operation of the entire membership; that we will *visit the Schools* as often as we can, and recommend to the officers the adoption of the best methods for interesting the young in the study of the Scriptures and the worship of our Heavenly Father, insisting particularly upon Bible readings and Bible studies, singing the sweet songs of Zion, and attention to *earnest* affectionate addresses looking to the *conversion* of the scholars; and that we urge every School to raise funds for the purchase of Sunday School books, and rewards of merit.

2. That we recommend to the Schools of our circuits, an annual Sunday School celebration or festival, at some central point, that a day may be specially devoted to such exercises as will awaken gratitude, kindle love, and give new energy to zeal.

3. That we organize a Sunday School Board to consist of a President, four Vice Presidents and one clerical and one lay-member for each Presiding Elder's District, with a Secretary and Treasurer, and that a meeting in the interests of Sabbath Schools be held on one of the afternoons of the session of Conference, that the Schools of the towns where we may meet, may have the benefit of addresses from

our members, and that our own hearts may receive and carry away the blessed influences of such occasions.

4. That we recommend to our Schools the *Sunday School Visitor*, edited by Rev. Dr. Summers, and published in Nashville, Tennessee; and in addition to this little monthly, *Burke's Weekly for Boys and Girls*, a capital paper, published by J. W. Burke & Co., in Macon Ga [These two papers are clubbed at \$2.00 a year, giving a finely illustrated weekly and monthly at one price.] *Burke's Weekly* sent to the preachers at twenty-five per cent. discount.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

W. T. Capers *President*; J. R. Pickett, *1st Vice President*; A. H. Lester, *2nd Vice President*; J. M. Carlisle, *3rd Vice President*; Robert Moorman, *4th Vice President*; A. J. Stafford, *Secretary*; O. A. Darby, *Treasurer*; L. Chapin, B. C. Hard, S. E. McMillan, J. H. Kinsler, E. T. McSwain, J. S. Austin, J. L. McDowell, M. L. Wriston, W. Elkins; *Laymen*, William Martin, William P. Mouzon, W. A. Gamewell, J. W. Humbert, T. A. Boone, G. F. Round, W. W. Mood, T. J. Clyde, Thomas Raysor, *Clerical*.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

John A. Porter, Thomas G. Herbert, John W. Kelly, T. A. Carlisle, J. Zachery.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

In the consideration of the subjects to which the attention of the Committee have been directed, they are impressed with the conviction that at no period in the history of our Church, has the obligation to sustain and circulate our Periodicals been more imperative than at the present. While we do not, of course, give this matter precedence over the preaching of the Word, yet it may be regarded as its prime auxiliary, in preparing the way, by nourishing the seed which is sown, and in protecting and defending it, during the successive stages of its development. It will not be denied, that the efficiency of the Church

has been greatly promoted by agencies, which were not indispensable to its existence, and the application and use of which, have, in a wonderful manner received the recognition and approval of its Divine Head. Any instrumentality, therefore, upon which God has impressed his sanction, we should not hesitate to adopt, and, by availing ourselves of every advantage which it legitimately affords, stand exonerated from any charge of unfaithfulness, which its neglect might involve. These considerations have additional force in the fact, that the opponents of that which we regard as vital to the existence of good order, and a pure sentiment amongst us, not to say of a pure Christianity, are working with indefatigable energy to accomplish their purposes by means of the press, and to counteract their mischievous designs, we should avail ourselves of like agencies; and we regard it as a matter of profound thanksgiving to God, that amid the universal upheavings of the times, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is in a condition to operate as efficiently through the medium of her publications, as at any period in her history. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we recognize the dissemination of a pure literature as a moral obligation, and recommend its continued and earnest performance upon the members of this body.

Resolved, 2nd. That the *Southern Christian Advocate* has peculiar claims upon this Conference, not only on account of the ability with which it has been conducted, but because it has been from its commencement, as it yet is, the recognized organ of the Conference, and that we will exert ourselves to increase its patronage.

Resolved, 3rd. That it may be more extensively circulated within our bounds, we recommend, that in addition to its being furnished gratuitously to the superannuated members of the Conference, and to the widows of deceased ministers, that it be furnished to its agents at \$1 50 per annum, and that they be allowed to retain 10 per cent. on all moneys collected.

Resolved, 4th. That we recommend to the patronage of our ministers and people, the *Baltimore Methodist*, and the *Nashville Advocate*, papers conducted with unusual ability, and whose maintainance and defence of Southern Methodism entitle them to a place in the affections and homes of the Southern Church.

Resolved, 5th. That we hail with gratification, the publication of the *Home Monthly*, by Professor A. B. Stark, and appreciating his generous offer to the members of this Conference, will recommend it to the families of our respective charges.

The exhibit made by the Agent of the Publishing House at Nashville, encourages us to renewed exertions in relieving the Institution

of its remaining liabilities. In order to comply with the expressed wishes of the Agent, as well as to meet the pressing necessities of our people, the Committee recommend the purchase and use of the books of our own publication, which may be obtained of Messrs. J. W. Burke & Co., of Macon, Ga., at Nashville prices, in preference to those published elsewhere, even at a less price.

They also recommend the appointment by the bishop of a suitable Agent, who shall travel through our Conference bounds for the purpose of establishing and aiding Sunday Schools, and to distribute tracts and books of our own publication.

They further recommend, wherever it meets the views of the preachers and people, that a Depository for the sale of our books be established in every circuit, under the management of the preacher in charge, the money that may be required to begin operations being loaned by those who may be able and willing to do so, they being compensated by receiving their books at cost, or in any other way that may be agreed upon.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

TO SERVE FOR FOUR YEARS FROM DECEMBER 1866.

Chas. Betts, President; H. M. Mood, 1st Vice President; R. J. Boyd, 2d Vice President; J. R. Pickett, 3d Vice President; Thomas Raysor, Secretary; W. G. Conner, Treasurer; W. P. Mouzon, S. H. Browne, W. H. Fleming, C. H. Prichard, J. W. Kelly, P. G. Bowman, Clerical; L. Chapin, J. W. Latimer, J. A. Claywell, Dr. Rembert, Samuel Stevenson, J. M. Carlisle Laymen.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall consist of a President, and three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Managers, who shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, six of whom shall be laymen, and be elected quadrennially by the South Carolina Conference, but should the Conference fail to meet at the appointed time the Board shall continue in office till the election, or appointment of its successors.

ARTICLE 2. The Board shall have power to make regulations for its own proceedings, to appropriate money to the support of the missions

embraced in the bounds of the Conference, and to defray incidental expenses, together with the Report of the action of the Board annually, and make such recommendations for the contraction or discontinuance of Missions to the Conference, as it may seem proper.

ARTICLE 3. Seven members at all meetings of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 4. The Board shall keep a journal of all its proceedings and the minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the presiding officer and the Secretary.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to journalize the proceedings of the Board, to conduct its correspondence, to prepare and superintend, as far as possible, the publication of proceedings and Annual Report in the minutes, and otherwise as the Board or Conference may direct.

ARTICLE 6. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys of the Board in his possession in safe deposits with such instructions as the Board may direct, and in absence of such direction, as he may judge safe and convenient, which deposits shall be made by him as an officer of the Board, and subject to his drafts as such, and his successors in office. He shall furnish an Annual Report to be published with the Annual Report of the Secretary, and also amount received for Foreign Missionary Board.

ARTICLE 7. In case of vacancy in the Board, it shall proceed to nominate, and the Conference to elect, if they choose, till the Board be full.

ARTICLE 8. The Board shall meet at the call of the President, or Vice President, at the seat of the South Carolina Conference on the day preceeding the first day of the first session of said Conference, provided it be not on Sunday. In that case it shall meet on the Saturday before.

REPORT OF BOARD OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

In other days we were accustomed to come to our Missionary Anniversary, as to a feast of harvest, rejoicing as we came, and bringing our sheaves with us. Then we blessed God that the wilderness was made glad, and the desert rejoiced and blossomed as the rose. Now we are saddened by the fact that fields once waving with ripening fruit are fast changing to a howling waste. By a mysterious Providence we have been called from the fields of our former operations, and for two years have been waiting the call of the Master to cultivate Immanuel's land. We trust that neither the spirit nor power of missionary work has been lost by the Church, but that this is only a

pause to discover the appropriate field. The stillness of the Church upon this subject might indicate the loss of one or the other of these elements of religious strength, but as genuine piety has survived the fearful crisis of the past two years, we feel assured that the Missionary spirit of our Conference is "not dead, but sleepeth," and only waits the voice and touch of the Saviour, when it shall be endued with power from on high to join in the blessed ministrations of the household of faith. It is in the winter's gloom that the trees of the forest have their down-ward growth, and not in spreading foliage, but faith schooled by experience, teachers us to look forward to the coming spring, when tree, and shrub, and flower will bend with the blessed harbingers of a glorious harvest, and we too must wait for their signs of a blessed revival of Missionary life, labor and liberality.

The sudden suspension of work in any department of the Church, subjects us to temptation which often results in serious demoralization. The faculties employed in such enterprise, must either seek new fields of operation, or become paralyzed and useless. If the first be the result, then the danger is that these faculties may be enlisted in worldly employment, and wealth become the God of the Church; but if the latter, then the gracious developement of the love of God is repressed, and Christian benevolence is restrained. In the first case, we should have a Church weakened by effeminate indulgence; in the other a Church sunk into lifeless formality. The old but true maxim of Methodism is, that "it is better to wear out than to rust out." A higher authority enjoins upon us to be, "instant in season and out of season." "Preach the gospel to every creature," is the command of the great Head of the Church. In this command of Christ, is the unchanging constitution of missionary operations. But how shall they preach except they be sent? The obligation therefore to give the benefits of a living ministry to all the world is divinely imposed. No circumstances of life, no changes of fortune, no failures in the past, nor discouragement of the future, can shift the responsibility from the followers of the Lord. Some are under command to preach, and some are under command to sustain the preachers. Who shall perform the latter task. It is generally admitted that civil governments would not be suitable agents, even if they were willing. Charitable institutions have enough to do in relieving the physical wants of the poor. Worldliness will not turn aside from secular gains, to enter a work demanding so much sacrifice of ease and money. To whom then is

this task assigned? The solemn conviction must rest on the enlightened conscience of every disciple of Jesus, that missionary work must be performed, until the nations of the earth shall have the gospel of the grace of God.

The question now is, do the circumstances surrounding the part of the Church, which we represent, release us from this general obligation? The servant who had but one talent and buried it, was condemned for not improving his Lord's money. The gospel principal is, "a man is accepted according to that he hath, and not according to that he hath not." If the widow's mite received a higher commendation than the gifts of the rich and great, may not the "trial of affliction" and "the deep poverty" of the Southern Methodist Church, be the opportunity in which the highest commendation for liberality, may be secured for us and our children. In reviewing the efforts of the year, who feels that he has done his duty fully? Has the flock of Christ been faithfully taught to follow his example, of love to man? or have we allowed the financial depression of the country to seal our lips, and cool our ardor for souls? Let a faithful answer be given, and if delinquency be noted by conscience, let honest repentance stand up with its confession, and say, "Lord what will thou have me to do?"

While the list of missions in our Conference is small, there is an increasing demand for effort in this department of our work. Two new missions have been recommended by the Board, while we fear there will not be means at our own command to establish either one or the other. Here in the territory of the South Carolina Conference are fields now white to the harvest, shall we pray the Lord of the harvest, to send forth more laborers, into the Harvest and not prepare to sustain them in toil? Let every member of the Conference take these facts to the people of his charge, repeat this from the mountain to the sea board; teach its meaning to the children at home and in the Sunday School; let us swell above the din of the work-shop and noise of the mill; shout it to the plowman in the field and student in the library; sound it along the highway of trade, until child, and artizan, and plowman, and student, and merchant shall make their later profits and hoarded treasures yield a full supply for holy work. Can the Church pause in this work any longer? Will the fields be let alone by licentiousness and infidelity? Will not the storms waste the harvest if not early gathered? The corn is breast high, and

waits the reaper's sickle. A crown is at stake, and the victor only shall wear it.

In the Christian's field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb-driven cattle;
Be a hero in the strife.
Then be ready, up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

The following Missions were continued by the Board: Graniteville, Lexington, Yuhaney, Waccamaw, Saluda, Keowee, Orphan's Home, Calvary, York, Yadkin.

Two new Missions were recommended—Savannah River and Lynche's Creek. These Missions to be established, provided money and men can be supplied.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

HELD AT MORGANTON, N. C., DECEMBER 14. 1867.

The President called the Society to order, and the meeting was opened with Devotional Services by the Rev. A. McCorquodale.

The Rev. S. Leard was then introduced as the Lecturer for the present Anniversary. The subject of the Lecture was—"The Rise, Progress and Present Condition of Methodism in Bluffton, S. C."

On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to Mr. Leard for his appropriate and interesting Lecture, and he was requested to furnish the Society with a copy to be deposited in its archives.

The Rev. J. T. Wightman was elected to Lecture at the next Annual Meeting.

The following were elected to membership in the Society, viz: Revs. J. P. Morris, J. B. Traywick, J. B. Platt, R. Harper, J. R. Griffith, J. C. Crisp, and all the Lay Members of the Conference.

The following donations were reported to the Society:

1. By Rev. Henry Asbury—Harvie's Church History, 2 volumes, which were once presented by Bishop Asbury to Rev. Daniel Asbury.
2. By Rev. W. W. Mood—a copy of Spiritual Songs, by A. Pillsbury.

On motion, the cordial thanks of the Society were tendered to the donors.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

A. M. Shipp, D. D., President ; W. A. Gamewell, 1st Vice President ; R. J. Boyd, 2d Vice President ; A. G. Stacey, Recording Secretary ; F. A. Mood, Corresponding Secretary ; Robert Bryce, Treasurer ; S. Bobo, J. H. Carlisle, Curators ; S. Leard, James Stacy, J. T. Wightman, W. Martin, Samuel Lander, W. G. Connor, B. English, M. Brown, O. A. Darby, Managers.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

W. Martin, Alexander W. Walker, A. G. Stacy, W. M. Walker, Dr. Woodfin.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

WHEREAS, By the late civil war, the operations of the American Bible Society were greatly crippled, and in some sections of the South entirely suspended; and whereas, for this reason the destitution of the people went on continually increasing, and whereas the altered condition of the colored people since the surrender, and the introduction of common and Sunday Schools among them, has greatly increased the demand for the Word of Life in the South, therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we are as much as ever deeply impressed with the Christian and catholic character of the American Bible Society.

Resolved, 2nd. That we are profoundly grateful to Almighty God for the vast amount of good which the Society has done, and is now doing, for the destitute among us.

Resolved, 3rd. That the South Carolina Conference hereby pledges itself to aid in the organization of Bible Societies for the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures throughout the country, and to the ends of the earth.

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES.

E. W. Thompson, W. C. Power, J. S. Connor, A. Scroggs, J. A. Claywell.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES.

Your Committee have found it very difficult to present any practical plan for the publication of the Minutes. This difficulty arises from a want of funds wherewith to defray the necessary expenses of publication.

We have however—after mature deliberation and consultation—devised the following plan, which we hope will meet the difficulty and secure us the Minutes, and therefore very respectfully recommend:

1st. That a Committee of Three be appointed to superintend the publication of the Minutes of the present session.

2d. That the preachers having charge of Circuits, Stations, or Missions shall pay at this session to the present acting Committee, whatever they may be willing to invest in the Minutes—provided they do not pay less than \$1 50 toward said purpose.

3d. That those preachers who may be absent, or who may be present, but unable to pay this amount, shall as early as possible in January next, remit to the said Committee of Publication of the Minutes, the amount specified, or as much more as they may judge necessary to meet the wants of their charge.

4th. That the Committee on Publication shall then arrange with a publisher, and have the work done as cheaply and expeditiously as they can, and forward them to preachers in proportion to the amounts severally paid by them.

COMMITTEE ON THE RELIGIOUS INTERESTS OF THE
COLORED PEOPLE.

S. H. Browne, W. Hutto, J. M. Carlisle, P. F. Kistler, A. McCorquodale, A. B. Brown, J. S. Austin.

REPORT:

Resolved, 1. That we will continue to serve, as heretofore, the colored people who have remained under our care, and those who may return to their former Church relations.

2. That where they so desire, and the numbers justify it; we will serve them separately in place or time.

3. That in accordance with the regulations of the last General Conference, we will license suitable colored persons to preach and

serve colored charges by appointing preachers, white or colored, as may be judged proper by the appointing power.

4. That we are ready to render them any service, even in their new Church relations, which may be desired, and which may consist with other claims upon us.

FINANCIAL BOARD.

James Stacy, Samuel Leard, Landy Wood, Henry M. Mood, W. C. Power, S. A. Webber, J. T. Kilgo, Samuel Lander, J. W. Crider, George W. Williams, S. M. Stephenson, W. J. T. Miller, G. W. Muse, Alexander S. Salley, E. T. Rembert, T. N. Carlisle, W. M. Connors, J. M. Richardson.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

1. Each Preacher shall make all necessary efforts to collect the money apportioned to his charge by the Board.

2. The Preacher in charge of each Circuit, shall (at the close of the Conference year), fix the first appointment for his successor, at the Church nearest the parsonage, or place of boarding; and shall allow him thereafter, at least one week, to arrange for the year; during which time, (the day to be fixed the preceding year by the Preacher and Stewards), the Stewards shall hold the first meeting at the parsonage or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of each Steward to attend.

3. Each Board of Stewards, respectively, shall ascertain the whole claim against the circuit for the current year, both for quarterage and travelling expenses, as definitely as possible; and they shall then make an estimate of the family expenses of the Preacher or Preachers of the circuit, including servants' hire and house rent, (if a house is to be rented), and the entire claim against the circuit for the current year, shall be apportioned to the several congregations composing the circuit, forthwith; each congregation to be notified immediately of the amount it is expected to collect.

4. The Stewards shall divide the congregations composing the circuit among themselves, and shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amounts apportioned to them.

5. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to open subscription books in each congregation, to meet the current claim; and they shall also cause public collections to be taken up, if they deem it necessary, for the same purpose.

6. The Stewards shall settle with the preachers quarterly, and to this end the subscriptions shall be taken in quarterly instalments.

7. The Conference collections for the support of the Superannuated Preachers, and to meet the claims of Preachers, widows and orphans of Preachers, and to meet the claims of Preachers deficient in quarterage, shall be taken up in each congregation, as early in the year as practicable.

8. The Board of District Stewards shall be a standing Board for four years; *provided, nevertheless*, that should any vacancy occur in the Board, such vacancy shall be supplied by the Quarterly Conference; and each District Steward shall be charged with collecting the amount apportioned for the Presiding Elder, to the circuit or station where he resides.

9. The Board of District Stewards shall be charged with the work of supplying the district parsonages with suitable furniture, and shall be authorized to take up collections for the object, in their respective charges.

10. Each member of the Joint Board, and more especially the chairman thereof, shall feel it his duty to be active in endeavoring to improve the financial condition of the Church, by correspondence with the Stewards of the several charges, by public addresses to the Church, at suitable times, or in any other way he may deem best.

11. The Circuit Steward shall make arrangements early in the year, if they deem it necessary, to receive from the congregations assigned to them, such provisions as they may be able to give, for the support of the preacher's family, which shall be delivered at the parsonage, at market prices, and shall be placed to the credit of the Church sending it, as family expenses.

12. The Board of Stewards, on their respective charges, are requested to co-operate with the ministers laboring them, in securing the amount the charge has been requested to collect as Conference collection, by private applications to our wealthier members, and, if any, in the current expenses in the charge where it is collected.

13. The respective Board of Stewards shall have authority to retain any surplus Conference collections to meet the deficiencies, if any, in the current expenses where it is collected.

14. The Missionaries are requested to solicit donations for the benefit of the superannuated Preachers, widows, and orphans of Preachers, together with deficient effective Preachers of the Conference, from the white membership of the Church under their care.

15. The Presiding Elders shall constitute a Standing Committee to ascertain the names of claimants, and the amount of claim each has upon the funds managed by the Board, which information shall be placed in the hands of some member of the Board, during the first or second day of the Conference, annually.

16. Whenever an effective claimant receives on his work an amount equal to his quarterage, he shall have no claim on the funds of this Board.

17. We recommend all our circuits and stations to publish, from year to year, in one or more of the papers published in the district or county, the names of the Stewards of each circuit and station for the current year.

APPROPRIATIONS.

CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		MISSIONS.	EDUCATION.
Charleston District, -	\$1,100	\$825	\$825
Bamberg District, -	1,100	825	825
Marion District, -	1,100	825	825
Columbia District, -	1,100	825	825
Cokesbury District, -	1,100	825	825
Greenville District, -	600	700	700
Spartanburg District, -	800	725	725
Shelby District, -	800	725	725
Wadesboro' District, -	800	725	725
	<u>\$8,500</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For Candidates.—S. H. Browne, John W. Kelly, John H. Zimmerman.

First Year.—J. A. Porter, W. C. Power, A. J. Cauthen, O. A. Darby.

Second Year.—Thomas Mitchell, W. T. Capers, Robert P. Franks, John R. Picket.

Third Year.—Samuel Leard, Robert J. Boyd, John W. Humbert, William Martin.

Fourth Year.—Wm. P. Mouzon, Claudius H. Pritchard, Wm. G. Conner, A. J. Stokes.

COURSE OF STUDY.

For Candidates.—The Bible; Sermons on Justification by Faith and on the Witness of the Spirit; Rules concerning the Duty of a Preacher as laid down in the Discipline; Written Essay or Sermon.

First Year.—The Bible; Historical and Biographical Parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with new Biblical Atlas, and Preacher's Text Book. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I. Discipline. Hymn Book. Clarke's Preacher's Manual. Watson's Institutes, Part III. Theological Compend. English Grammar. Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible, as to the Institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II. Discipline with reference to Henkle's Analysis. Hymn Book. Smith's Elements of Divinity. Watson's Institutes, Part III. Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey. Essay or Sermon, with Reference to Quackenboss' advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

Third Year.—The Bible, as to Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III. Discipline. Hymn Book. Watson's Institutes, Part II. Whately's Rhetoric. Essay or Sermons with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

Fourth Year.—The Bible, generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV. Discipline. Hymn Book. Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy. Watson's Institutes, Part I. Powell on Succession. Church History.

Carolina Annual (Incorporated) Conference met in the
N. C., Friday, October 13th, 1867. Vice
Shipp in the chair. Rev. F. M. Kennedy was

Treasurer was read and accepted.

Officers and Managers were nominated and elected,

WHITEFOORD SMITH, President.

M. SHIPP, 1st Vice President.

A. GAMEWELL, 2d Vice President.

J. MARTIN, 3d Vice President.

R. J. BOYD, 4th Vice President.

SAMUEL LEARD, Secretary.

ROBERT BRYCE, Treasurer.

SIMPSON BOBO,

T. H. KINSLER,

G. W. WILLIAMS,

} Managers.

Conference adjourned.